

TO: Ways And Means Committee

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RE: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, Carol Buck, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

To continue this tax credit is an important part of the efforts we should be making to switch our energy resources to viable, non-oil related resources. Let us be realistic. Not only are the dwindling oil resources costing more and more to locate and produce, they are polluting just in the production. In addition, if we burn all of the oil in the remaining reserves we will be adding an unsustainable level of pollution to the planet. Just as the United States was at the forefront of the industrial, automotive and computer industries, we need to be in the forefront of the alternative energy industry. It is not only because it is the right thing to do for the planet, but it is the right thing to do for the economic growth of our country. We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand and wait for other countries to grab the lead in this area, as many are threatening to do. Do not let the powerful oil industry continue to push their agenda at the expense of our country's welfare.

The wind energy production tax credit PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. It also increases the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources and is an excellent thing for us to do as we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and end oil dependency. Every time I, and many other Americans, see a wind turbine we feel confident that we are moving in the right direction to solve our energy problems.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.